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TO : [REDACTED]
FROM : Chief of Station, [REDACTED]
SUBJECT : GENERAL - ADMINISTRATIVE/PERSONNEL

Specific - Insurance Policies; interpretation of

1. During [REDACTED] recent visit the subject of specified aircraft passenger coverage was informally discussed. In view of the frequent courier trips being made by [REDACTED] personnel it is requested that the Insurance Branch or OGC render an opinion on this question.

2. Specifically we would like to point out the wording on page 19, GEHA booklet dated 1 Oct 1956, paragraph entitled "Specified Aircraft Passenger Coverage." The words "as a passenger" are italicized. Elsewhere, in the paragraph, there is reference to licensed passenger aircraft. Also see page 26, paragraph entitled "Limitations on Accidental Death Benefits", clause (4) "except as a passenger." The travel-matic insurance also uses the word passenger.

3. The point being made is this: when a courier is manifested under the system used here he is listed as a crew member unless he actually is traveling on a passenger aircraft. Nine out of ten times, however, he travels via C-119 which is very definitely known as a non-passenger type craft. He is carried as crew. Query -- in case of mishap how good is his insurance coverage.

4. This query has been raised frequently and it is requested that we be furnished an opinion on this matter. Since it affects 90% of our transport of take and pouches (the runs to [REDACTED] are made by T-33 and so-called non-scheduled aircraft (cargo C-54 and other aircraft)), the question is of importance to [REDACTED] personnel.

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